Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~Portal Server~~ portal-server system comprising:

a component to add a reference to ~~references in~~ an existing navigation tree of [[the]] a local ~~Portal~~ ~~(1) page~~ portal, wherein the reference represents ~~representing~~ a placeholder for a navigation tree of a ~~Portal~~ portal fragment of a remote ~~Portal (2),~~ portal, and wherein the navigation tree defines a relationship between nodes of the navigation tree;

a component [[(10)]] to establish communication with [[said]] the remote ~~Portal~~ portal [[(2)]] and to receive ~~Meta information~~ meta-information of [[said]] the ~~Portal~~ portal fragment via a ~~Communication~~ communication component [[(20)]] of [[said]] the remote ~~Portal~~ portal [[(2)]], wherein [[said]] the ~~Meta information~~ meta-information ~~completely~~ describes the navigation tree of [[said]] the ~~Portal~~ portal fragment[[,]];

a component [[(30)]] to merge [[said]] the existing navigation tree of [[said]] the local ~~Portal~~ portal [[(1)]] with [[said]] the navigation tree of [[said]] the ~~Portal~~ portal fragment, wherein ~~resulting in~~ a new navigation tree is formed [[,]]; and

a component to traverse [[said]] the new navigation tree by applying [[the]] a look and feel of [[said]] the local ~~Portal~~ portal [[(1)]].

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~Portal Server~~ portal-server system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a transformation component [[(15)]] at [[said]] a local ~~Portal~~ portal [[(1)]] side which receives the ~~Meta information~~ meta-information in a standardized [[XML]] extensible markup language -format and transforms [[it]] the meta-inforamtion into [[the]] a format of [[said]] the existing navigation tree of [[said]] the local ~~Portal~~ portal [[(1)]].

3. (Currently Amended) A method ~~Method~~ for dynamically integrating [[of]] a remote ~~Portal~~ ~~fragments~~ portal fragment of a remote portal into a local ~~Portal~~ portal while maintaining [[the]] a look and feel of the local portal, the method comprising: ~~characterized by the steps of:~~

identifying a reference in an existing navigation tree of the local ~~Portal~~ portal [[page]] representing a placeholder for a navigation tree of [[a]] the remote ~~Portal~~ portal fragment, wherein the navigation tree defines a relationship between nodes of the navigation tree;

establishing communication with [[said]] the remote ~~Portal~~ portal [[,]] ;

receiving ~~Meta-information~~ meta-information from [[said]] the remote ~~Portal~~ portal describing the navigation tree of [[said]] the remote ~~Portal~~ portal fragment to be integrated[[,]] ;

merging the existing navigation tree with the navigation tree of the ~~Portal~~ remote portal fragment to be integrated resulting in a new navigation tree[[,]] ; and

rendering an integrated ~~Portal~~ portal page by traversing [[said]] the new navigation tree, identifying references to the remote ~~Portal fragments~~ portal fragment in [[said]] the new navigation tree, establishing communication with [[said]] the remote ~~Portals~~ portal and receiving [[the]] a markup of [[said]] the remote portal ~~Fragments~~ fragment for displaying [[said]] the ~~Portal~~ remote portal fragment into [[said]] the integrated portal page.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 3, wherein the step of receiving the ~~Meta-information~~ meta-information ~~is generated by the following steps~~ comprises:

loading a navigation tree of the remote ~~Portal~~ portal [[page]] if a ~~Portal~~ portal fragment request is received by the remote ~~Portal~~ portal [[,]] ;

extracting the navigation tree of [[said]] the remote ~~Portal~~ portal fragment to be integrated from [[said]] the navigation tree of [[said]] the remote ~~Portal~~ portal [[,]]; and

~~putting said~~ inserting the navigation tree of [[said]] the remote ~~Portal~~ portal fragment into [[a]] an [[XML]] extensible markup language document.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 4, further comprising:

~~wherein said~~ receiving the meta-information ~~Meta-information is received~~ by [[said]] the local ~~Portal~~ portal in a standardized [[XML]] extensible markup language format.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 5, wherein [[said]] the ~~Meta-information~~ meta-information is converted from [[said]] the standardized [[XML]] extensible markup language format into [[the]] a format of the existing navigation tree of the local ~~Portal~~ portal before merging.

7.   (Currently Amended) A computer ~~Computer~~ program product stored in ~~the internal memory of a digital computer~~ a computer readable medium, the computer program product comprising: ~~containing parts of software code to execute the method in accordance with claims 4 to 6 if the product is run on the computer.~~

computer usable program code for identifying a reference in an existing navigation tree of a local portal representing a placeholder for a navigation tree of a remote portal fragment, wherein the navigation tree defines a relationship between nodes of the navigation tree;

computer usable program code for establishing communication with a remote portal ;

computer usable program code for receiving meta-information from the remote portal describing the navigation tree of the remote portal fragment to be integrated;

computer usable program code for merging the existing navigation tree with the navigation tree of the remote portal fragment to be integrated resulting in a new navigation tree; and

computer usable program code for rendering an integrated portal page by traversing the new navigation tree, identifying references to the remote portal fragment in the new navigation tree, establishing communication with the remote portal and receiving a markup of the remote portal fragment for displaying the remote portal fragment into the integrated portal page.